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NOTIFICATION

Decision VIII/1, paragraph 10: Island Biodiversity Programme of Work, linkages to other programmes, themes and issues

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to paragraph 10 of Decision VIII/1 requesting the Executive Secretary to identify linkages between the priority actions of the Island Biodiversity Programme of Work (IBPOW) and all other thematic work programmes and cross-cutting issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and to make this available prior to the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12), a document has been prepared and is now available on the CBD website at:

http://www.cbd.int/doc/programmes/areas/island/island-linkages-en.pdf

Expanding on an initial paper prepared by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, the document aims to relate the most relevant actions in the IBPOW to other activities, principles and recommendations of significant other programmes, as they reinforce each other. By design, the IBPOW contains goals and activities from other work programmes of the CBD applying to island biodiversity (in particular in small island developing States and States with islands). Therefore, in implementing the Island Biodiversity Programme of Work, Parties are contributing to other programmes of work and to cross-cutting issues. On the other hand, all thematic programmes of work and cross-cutting issues in the CBD also apply to islands. Thus, for reporting purposes, the same documents can be considered under the IBPOW, and other relevant programmes of work.

For clarity, in cases where the linkages with CBD programmes of work and cross-cutting issues in the last column relate to individual priority actions, the action number is specified. I hope this additional tool will be of use to all Parties, and will assist in the implementation of the island biodiversity programme of work towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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